

As an Indiana State tax payer, a Vietnam veteran and military retiree, I write this letter in hopes of retaining the precious little privacy I am allowed. Ever since the state implemented the Telephone Privacy Laws, I have been able to enjoy my evening meals without interruption...for the most part. There are still a few telemarketers that manage to upset my peace. However, those are screened by my Caller ID, which, by the way, I purchased, originally, in an effort to deal with this problem, before this law was instituted.

I shouldn't have to work hard all day doing, sometimes, distasteful chores to make a living for my family. Then come home and have to screen and sift out undesirable pushy intruders on my private phone line every few minutes. These callers are just another form of harassment. The word privacy, by definition means NOT INTRUSIVE.

If we cannot find peace and privacy in our own home, where then can we?

Years of broken promises by the federal government, to me and my fellow veterans have soured me on most political maneuvering in the name of "progress".

However, this is the first piece of work (in a long time) that has brought forth a positive result. It actually works FOR and NOT AGAINST the taxpayer.

Somebody actually had an idea that worked. And now you want to change it.

Somebody is not making enough money. Is that it?

Instead of adopting a lower national standard, why not go with the majority of the population for a change, and raise it...or at the very least leave Indiana's Law as it is.

Lowering the standard will only force the already overburdened taxpayer to buy more gadgets to screen out these nuisance callers. That, to me, seems like a few steps backward. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.